18th March 1955]

Staff under the Special Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Malabar.

* 1440 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay of the staff working under the Special Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Malabar, for the month of December 1954, was not drawn up to 15th January 1955;

(b) whether any delay in drawing the salary of the same staff occurred in the month of June 1954, also; and

(c) if so the reasons for such delays?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The delays were due to administrative reasons."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" There are two Special Deputy Registrars and two regular Deputy Registrars in Kozhikode. If my information is correct, there was delay in signing the pay bill by the Deputy Registrar who was responsible for the drawing of this salary. Because he was on leave or was on transit in connexion with a transfer, the delay took place. If some arrangement had been made to make one of the other Registrars hold additional charge, this difficulty could have been avoided. Will the Government therefore issue instructions to see that some of the other Deputy Registrars are made to hold additional charge and that such delays are avoided in future? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We shall try to avoid such delays in future. The delay occurred because of certain officials not joining duty in time and certain others taking leave after being posted to particular place."

Working of the Madras Sales Tax Act.

* 1441 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report was submitted in November 1954 by the Board of Revenue to the Government on the administration of the Madras General Sales Tax Act in 1953–54; and

(b) whether the collection of sales tax has increased or decreased during this year and the reasons for the same? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) The Administration Report for 1953–54 was submitted by the Board in August 1954.

" (b) The sales tax revenue decreased in the year 1953–54—

Demand during 1952–53 was Rs. 12,00,84,404.

Collection during 1952–53 was Rs. 10,01,96,386.

Percentage of collection—83 per cent.